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SUBJECT: MOBUTU AND SGM CONTRACT

REF: BRUSSELS 7493; BRUSSELS 7492

1. MOBUTU SUMMONED BELGIAN CHARGE AND LOCAL SGM REP TO MEETING DEC. 31 AT WHICH TIME CHARGE HANDED OVER LEBURTON'S LETTER (BRUSSELS 7493). MOBUTU SCANNED IT, NOTED THERE WERE POINTS WITH WHICH HE DID NOT AGREE, AND PROMISED TO SEND WRITTEN REPLY IN DUE COURSE.

2. AS FOR THE SGM CONTRACT, MOTUTU STATED THAT HE WOULD LIKE A THOROUGH REVISION OF ITS TERMS AND NOT JUST A CHANGE IN MARKETING PROCEDURES. WHEN BELGIANS SUGGESTED BRINGING IN WORLD BANK AS PROVIDED IN THE 1969 AGREEMENT, MOTUTU REACTED NEGATIVELY STATING THAT THE SGM ACCORDS WERE BILATERAL AGREEMENTS BETWEEN BELGIUM AND ZAIRE AND THAT THE BANK HAD BEEN CALLED IN ONLY AFTER AGREEMENT HAD BEEN REACHED. BELGIUM AND ZAIRE, HE SAID, SHOULD SEEK TO REACH AGREEMENT ON REVISION. IF THIS NOT POSSIBLE, THEN HE, MOBUTU, PREPARED TO "ACCEPT HIS RESPONSIBILITIES."

3. COMMENT: CAHEN IS NOT CE*TAIN HOW SOCIETE GENERALE WILL REACT. HE PERSONALLY DOES NOT EXCLUDE POSSIBILITY SOCIETE GENERAL MAY MANEUVER TO PROVOKE UNILATERAL ABROGATION BY MOTUTU. THIS WOULD PLACE MOBUTU IN BAD
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LIGHT SO FAR AS THE WEST IS CONCERNED AND WOULD ENABLE SOCIETE GENERALE TO OBTAIN ADDITIONAL COMPENSATION BY SEIZING COPPER CURRENTLY IN THE PIPELINE VALUED AT 5 BILLION BELGIAN FRANCS.

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